

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Shannon et al.

Application No.: 09/922,181 Confirmation No.: 7617

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For : Four Human Zinc-Finger-Containing

Proteins: MDZ3, MDZ4, MDZ7 and MDZ12

Group Art Unit : 1632

Examiner : Not yet assigned

Palo Alto, CA 94301 December 10, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the formal drawings concurrently filed herewith in the above-referenced application, applicants hereby amend the specification to include material deleted from the informal drawings and to make a minor correction as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.